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Date April 10, 2008

Judge Michael A. Ponsor
United States District Court
1550 Main Street
Springfield, MA. 01103

RE: Appointment of New Counsel

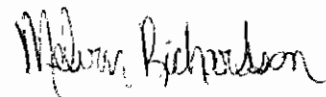
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Dear Judge Ponsor

I have received the letter stating that you granted my motion to appoint counsel re possible reduction of sentence (crack cocaine case), and you have appointed Attorney Vincent Bongiorno. I know that you are aware that Mr Bongiorno represented me at trial, and that he withdrew from my case because I feel as if his failure to file certain motions raised ineffectiveness of counsel issues that I will be filing in a 2255 motion. Therefore, I feel as if it will be a conflict of interest for him to represent me on this motion, and I would like for you to appoint new counsel to represent me in this matter.

Respectfully

Melvin Richardson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melvin Richardson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

cc Vincent Bongiorno/file